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In re:	Patent Application of Marc Pelletier et al.	: Group Art Unit: 1651
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Appln. No.:	09/955,909	: Examiner: F.C. Prats
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Filed:	September 18, 2001	: Attorney Docket
		: No. 040853-01-5028-01
For:	METHODS FOR PRODUCING SIALYLOLIGOSACCHARIDES IN A DAIRY SOURCE	:

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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated December 10, 2002 (Paper No. 8), sent in connection with the above-identified application. This Amendment is being timely filed in light of the petition for a one-month extension of time and accompanying fee included with this Amendment, which extends the time for a response up to and including April 10, 2003.

In response to the Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 11, 19 and 36 without prejudice, as set forth below. A "marked-up" copy of the claim indicating the changes is attached hereto.

1. (Amended) A method for producing sialyloligosaccharides in a dairy source comprising:

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- (i) contacting a catalytic amount of at least one  $\alpha(2-3)$  trans-sialidase with a dairy source to form a dairy/trans-sialidase mixture; and
  - (ii) incubating said dairy/trans-sialidase mixture under conditions suitable for  $\alpha(2-3)$  trans-sialidase activity;

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